

# Responsible use of antimicrobials protects people, animals, and the future

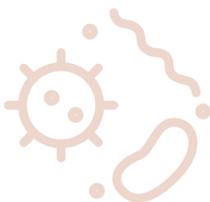
Through the **European Surveillance of Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption (ESVAC)**, EMA monitors sales of veterinary antimicrobials to promote their prudent use in animals.

## Why is Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) a threat?

AMR can spread from animals to people and vice versa.



When microorganisms like bacteria become resistant to antimicrobials, we increase the risk of running out of options to treat dangerous infections.



estimated cost of AMR in EU/EEA  
**€1.1 billion** per year

estimated AMR-related deaths in Europe  
**35,000** per year



## ESVAC project: a legacy



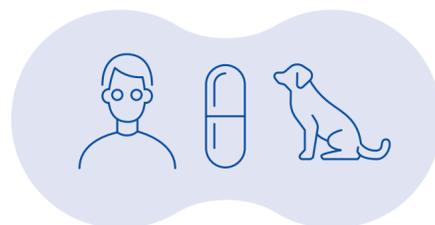
- ✓ Collaborative and voluntary project
- ✓ Increased in number of participating countries throughout the years
- ✓ Tracked sales of antimicrobials in animals in the EU for more than 10 years
- ✓ It ends in 2023 but collection of data will continue under EU legislation

## Data are key for tackling antimicrobial resistance



- ✓ Promote responsible use of antibiotics in Europe
- ✓ Inform experts, policymakers and citizens
- ✓ Empower countries to take action

2011

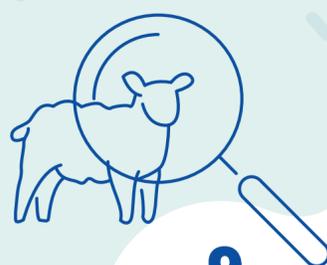


2011-2022:

**53% drop** of sales of veterinary antibiotics.

Fewer antibiotics in animals means lower risk of AMR in people and animals.

2022



**9** countries  
2010

**31** countries  
2022

